

Blanco Ranger  
District  
220 E Market Street  
Meeker, CO 81641



## **LONG PARK TRAIL # 1809**

**Difficulty:** More Difficult

**Trail Use:** Light

**Length:** 3.5 miles

**Elevation:** Starts at 7,614 feet and ends at 8,322 feet (highest point 8,829 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +1,381 feet – 673 feet = +708 feet

**Open To:** HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING (From 6/15—9/1 only, open to ATVs)

### **Access:**

- The Long Park Trail is located 32 miles east of Meeker.
- From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.
- Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 31 miles.
- The Long-Lost Trailhead is on north side of the road just before the Lost Creek Guard Station. Parking is available on the south side of CR 8.

### **Trail Highlights:**

The Long Park Trail connects to the Deadhorse-Long Park Loop four-wheel drive road #230. It also connects with Lost Park Road #293. From the trailhead you climb rapidly for 1/2 mile to the northeast until reaching the crest of the ridge between the White River and Long Park Creek drainages. Views of the surrounding area can be enjoyed as you travel through scrub oak and aspen along the ridge for 1.2 miles. The trail follows Long Park Creek for the next 1.6 miles into the meadows of Long Park and 4-wheel drive road #230. Turn on #230 and follow the road for 1 mile to Trough Gulch. Here the trail follows a bench, switchbacking for 1 mile to Lost Park where it crosses Lost Creek and ends at the Hahn Creek campsite at the end of the Lost Park Road #203 1 mile farther.

### **ETHICS/REGULATIONS:**

- **Cattle:** May be grazing in the area
- **DOGS:** Possessing a dog or other animal that is harassing wildlife or people or damaging property is prohibited. There is no leash law in the Flat Tops, however dogs must be kept under verbal control at all times.
- **TRASH: PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT** -- even biodegradable items like fruit peels!
- Limit group size to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals or less
- **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from trails and water and 6 inches in the soil or pack it out along with toilet paper.

